

Anwar Ibrahim returns to public life

■ **1947:** *Anwar Ibrahim* born in village near Penang state

■ **1970s:** Rises to prominence as radical pro-Islam student leader

■ **1982:** Joins Malaysia's dominant party, *United Malays National Organisation (UMNO)*

■ **1993:** Appointed deputy prime minister under long-term premier *Mahathir Mohamad*

■ **1998:** Anwar sacked following tensions with Mahathir over economy and corruption issues. Anwar leads public protests calling for reform

■ **1999:** Jailed for abuse of power, sparking huge street protests

■ **2000:** Found guilty of sodomy with his wife's driver

■ **2004:** Freed after Supreme Court overturns sodomy conviction

■ **2008, Mar:** Anwar-led opposition coalition makes unprecedented gains in general election

■ **2008, Aug:** Faces new charges of sodomy

■ **2012:** Acquitted by High Court

■ **2013:** Leads opposition to strongest ever election result

■ **2014:** Court overturns 2012 acquittal after government appeal

■ **2015:** Anwar jailed for five years

■ **2016:** Mahathir defects to opposition – unites with Anwar behind push to oust embattled Prime Minister *Najib Razak*

■ **2018:** Mahathir, 92, becomes prime minister after shock election victory

■ **May 15:** Anwar, 70, freed after royal pardon, paving way for return to politics

